



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK
OCTOBER 20-24, 2008

WHEREAS, working women constitute 68 million of the nation's workforce and strive to serve their communities, states and nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities; and

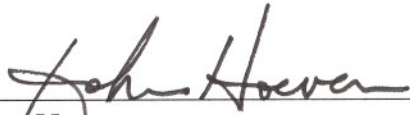
WHEREAS, women-owned businesses account for 30 percent of all U.S. business, generating \$1.15 trillion in sales; and

WHEREAS, sixty percent of women participate in the U.S. labor force and 72 percent of part-time workers are women; and

WHEREAS, the major goals of Business and Professional Women/USA are to promote equality for all women and to help create additional opportunities for working women through the study of social, educational, economic and political issues; and

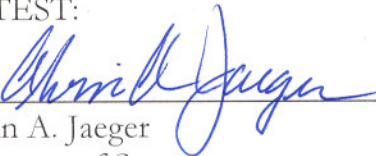
WHEREAS, for more than 75 years, Business and Professional Women/USA has been spotlighting the achievements and contributions of working women during National Business Women's Week, and the North Dakota Federation of Business and Professional Women has been supporting working women in this state since 1919.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 20-24, 2008, **BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State